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THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.

LONDON:
Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.
BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Issues and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000.
Subscribed Capital £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. GILLES, Esq., Chairman.
Chow Tung Shang, Esq., W. Wotton, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
Chief Manager:—
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN
LONDON:—
THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,
Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &
Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers:—
London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI:
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
Hui Ek Hui Fu Yuen, | Lim Kwan King, Esq.,
Ma Kie Tchoong, Esq., | Chu Ming Sang, Esq.,
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.,
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

Amoy:—J. ANDERSON, Manager.
Yokohama:—D. FRASER, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money
received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made on
Securities or Goods (if sent to Godown). Usual
Bank Agency business undertaken.
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1892.

Insurance.

THE FUNDS
OF THE
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

ARE invested entirely within the British
Dominions and are thus free from the
complications which might arise in time of war.
They now amount to Seven Millions Sterling,
and have increased 50 per cent in the last 15
years.

93-1] DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.
Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1891.

THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
OF CANADA.

ASSETS OVER \$1,000,000.00.

Policies absolutely non-forfeitable.
No restrictions as to Residence or Travelling.
Rates of premium low.
Policies issued on all approved forms.
For further particulars apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.

23rd February, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 7, OFFICE ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000. 3835,333-35.
EQUAL TO £1,000,000.
RESERVE FUND £318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SIM, Esq., LO YUE MOON, Esq.,
LOU TAO SEUNG, Esq.,
MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c. taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 21st
March, at 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1892.

VICTORIA LODGE,
HONGKONG, No. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 22nd
inst., at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1892.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. EDMUND THOMAS BOND was
admitted a Partner in our Firm on the
1st January, 1892.

DEACON & CO.
Canton, 21th March, 1892.

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized Mr. CARL
WILHELM LONGUET to sign our
Firm per procurator.

KRUSE & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE,
DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to
"Dr. J. W. NOBLE," and will be represented as
under:—

JOSEPH W. NOBLE, Hongkong,
HERBERT D. R. QUAY, and
CHAS. L. SNYDER, Singapore.

HERBERT POATE, 35, Brook Street,
Greenwich Square, London, W.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1892.

Hotels.

THE SHAMEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably
situated within a few minutes walk of the
River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive
Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably
furnished, and the spacious Dining Rooms, Sitting
Rooms, and accommodation generally will be
found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every
luxury in season, and the cuisine is in experi-
enced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best
quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM.
A. F. DO ROZARIO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1891.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. F. RAPP has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
(without reserve, to the highest bidder),

SATURDAY,
the 10th day of March, 1892, at Noon,
at the Office of the AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL
AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED,
38 and 40, Queen's Road Central
(if not previously disposed of by Private
Contract),
VALUABLE LEASHOLD
PROPERTY,

being Nos. 1 to 11, MOUNTAIN VIEW, the PEAK,
VICTORIA, in the Colony of HONGKONG, and
situated on Rural Building Lot No. 60 and the
Remaining Portion of Rural Building Lot No. 18,
as the premises are held for the residues of two
several terms of 7 years and 7 years respectively
from the 10th day of December, 1877, and the
28th day of February, 1882, respectively, granted
therein, subject to the payment of the proportion
of Crown Rents payable in respect thereof
and the performance of the Crown Covenants
to be performed in respect thereof, and subject
also to the existing lettings and tenancies there
of.

These Houses are situated on one of the finest
sites in the Hill District known as Mountain
View, and face the Harbour on the North, the
Ladrones Islands on the South, and command
views of the finest scenery the Island and its
surroundings afford.

The Houses are exceptionally cool in Sum-
mer, and are externally built of Amoy brick.
With a little outlay of money they could be
rendered as attractive externally as they are
well appointed and comfortable internally. Now,
1 and 11 each contain six good sized dwelling
rooms, and the remaining houses five. They
are provided with bath rooms and all necessary
outfittings. Gas is laid on.

The Sale offers to Hongkong residents, de-
siring of living in their own homes, an oppor-
tunity which is not likely to occur again.

The Vendors have arranged for part of the
Purchase Money to remain on Mortgage, for a
term of years in the case of approved Purchasers
by them, but the Disbursements of the Austin
Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited,
will not be accepted in lieu of cash.

The Houses will be sold in one lot or sepa-
rate Lots, comprising one house each, at the
option of the Vendors.

For further particulars, Sale Plan, and Con-
ditions of Sale, apply to
THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND
BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED,
WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors to the Vendors,
or
F. RAPP, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1892.

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY,
WHITAKER'S ALMANACK

NOW READY,
HAZELL'S CYCLOPEDIA

THE BEST,
THE MOST COMPLETE,
THE CHEAPEST, and
THE MOST USEFUL ALMANACK in
Existence.

Paper Covers.....\$0.40
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KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1892.

W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST DELIVERIES OF
LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
STRAW HATS.

NEW SUMMER SILKS.
NEW WHITE DRESS GOODS.
NEWPRINTS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1892.

THE
HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE,
No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail
Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated,
open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric
communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new
Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted
with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same management.

THE WINES AND SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are
supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey
passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

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FOR SALE.

HOUSE LAMPS, STREET LAMPS,
VERANDAH LAMPS, SHIPS' LAMPS,
CHANDLERS' 3, 4 or 6 Light,
Single and Double BRACKET LAMPS,
TABLE LAMPS, READING LAMPS, BEDROOM & NURSERY LAMPS,
WINDPROOF LAMPS, SAFETY LAMPS,
SHIPS' SALOON, CABIN, ENGINE ROOM and BULKHEAD LAMPS,
SPECIAL CARGO LAMPS,
CHAIR LAMPS, CARRIAGE and JINRICKSHA LAMPS, HAND LAMPS and LANTERNS,
GLOBES, CHIMNEYS, WICKS, SPARE BURNERS, FOUNTS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1892.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.
AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.
SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.
SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION.
PORPOISE-HIDE DARK TAN RUSSIA-LEATHER & ENGLISH-CALF BOOTS & SHOES.
SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING,
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.
18, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Ho: kong, 14th January, 1892.

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FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS
AND
Commission Agents.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE?
As an excellent Table Water?
For General Debility?
For Dyspepsia?
For Gout?
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For a Nerve Tonic?
For Biliousness after
Excesses in Eating or Drinking?
With Gl? With Claret?
With Wine?

Takuradruka Natural Mineral Water, Bottled at Takuradruka near Kobe, Japan.
Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty throughout the East. Testimonials can be
seen on application.

CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1892.

Intimations.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COM-
PANY, LIMITED, will be held on MONDAY,
the 28th March, 1892, at the Company's Office,
at 12, Noon, when the subjoined Resolution,
which was passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held on the 12th March,
1892, will be submitted for confirmation as a
Special Resolution:—

"That the following Article shall be inserted
in the Articles of Association of the Com-
pany after Article 21, and shall be No. 21A.

21A.—The Company may from time to
time by special Resolution reduce its Capital
by paying off Capital or cancelling Capital
which has been lost or is unrepresented by
available assets, or reducing the liability on
the shares or otherwise, as may seem expedi-
ent, and Capital may be paid off upon the
footing that it may be called up again or
otherwise."

Dated the 12th March, 1892.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
General Managers.

315] THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary General MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Company's Office, Praya Central, on MON-
DAY, the 21st March, at 3.30 o'clock in the
afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers, and electing a
Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 6th to 21st instant,
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1892.

NOTICE.

IMMEDIATELY after the above Meeting a
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be
held to consider the question of the forfeiture of
certain Shares in the Company at present stand-
ing in the name of the late General Managers:

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
the Members of the HONGKONG
GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
will be held on FRIDAY, the 25th March, at
3.30 P.M., at the Rooms of the Chamber, CITY
HALL, for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Committee and passing the Secretary's
Accounts for the year ending 31st December,
1891; also to take into consideration certain
proposed measures regarding the Import and
Export Statistics of the Trade of the Colony.

F. HENDERSON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1892.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the ORDI-
NARY GENERAL MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company
will be held at the Registered Offices of the
Company, 48 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on
THURSDAY, the 24th inst., at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Govern-
ing Director, with a Statement of Accounts for
the year 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 17th instant to the
24th instant, both days inclusive.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1892.

MISS STOLZ.

MANICURE, CHIROPODIST
AND
MASSAGE.

No. 8, COLLEGE CHAMBERS,
Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having removed his
residence to No. 90, WELLINGTON STREET,
all CLAIMS against him personally, or against
the CHEANG TEK KONGSEE (the late
OPTUM FARM), as well as all papers and
correspondence, should be sent to the above
address.

KOH CHENG SEAN.
Hongkong, 29th February, 1892.

MOUTRIE,
ROBINSON & Co.

HONGKONG,
(London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

PIANOS By all the best makers in the
World.

PIANOS—New and Second Hand for Cash
at HOME PRICES.

PIANOS purchased by MONTHLY PAY-
MENTS.

PIANOS and ORGANS for HIRE from \$8
per month.

PIANOS TUNED by thoroughly efficient
Tuners.

PIANOS—thoroughly REPAIRED OR
REBUILT. (Estimates given).

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL).

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING,"
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 10th instant,
at 4 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1892.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE &
YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"DENBIGHSHIRE,"
Captain Vyvan, will be despatched as above
on or about SATURDAY, the 10th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1892.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship
"HIROSHIMA MARU,"
Captain J. H. Pynn, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 19th March,
at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1892.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship
"ZAFIRO,"
Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 19th instant,
at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1892.

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
VIA INLAND SEA.

THE Steamship
"TORRINGTON,"
Captain Berwick, will have prompt despatch for
above Ports after arrival.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1892.

Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
"CHINA"

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Consignment, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1892.

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "LAU,"
FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, AND
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all goods are being landed at their
risk, into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence
and for the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before Noon, day,
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 10th will be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th
inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the

Tongkin to the Yellow Sea. This, so far as mere distance is concerned is about equal to a line from Nova Scotia to Trinidad on the Atlantic coast of the United States and West India. Still greater is the difference in temperature of the water in which it is found the Gulf of Tongkin is as warm as the Gulf of Mexico, while the Yellow Sea is about on a par with the Gulf of St. Lawrence. On the Pacific a corresponding marine habitat would reach from Nicaragua to Alaska. There seems no reason why this fish can not be transplanted and raised successfully on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. It would be a notable addition to our food supply. The small fish is thicker and heavier than the larger, its flesh tends to a yellowish tinge owing to its fatness; it is equally delicious, and its bones, larger than those of the shad, are more easily detected and removed. It is a great favorite in the East, bringing 20 cents a pound, where commoner sea food is sold for one and two cents per lb. It breeds in rivers, where it spawns in the spring. A roe small fish about 200,000 eggs, though the amount varies greatly with each individual. The small fry are easily destroyed by other fish, far less than one per cent escaping to reach maturity. They grow rapidly and attain their full growth in two years. The small-roe is inferior to the shad-roe in flavor and delicacy, but, nevertheless, is extremely good eating. The best small, according to Captain Samuel Ashton, A.N.A., who is one of the best authorities on China coast matters, are found between Foochow and Chefoo.

At various points on the coast and more especially at Foochow, Amoy and Taiwan in Formosa, the natives raise an oyster which is called the bamboo-oyster on account of the manner in which it is grown, and which is famous for its delicacy and flavor. It obtains the best results in tidal streams, where the bilvate reaches its finest development. Bamboo stakes about five feet long are driven into the sandy or mud bottom, so as to project a foot at low tide. To each stake are fastened two or more old oyster-shells. The stakes themselves are arranged about six or eight inches apart, in parallel rows a yard apart. The young fry attach themselves first to the old shells and afterwards to the stalk of the bamboo. They are removed when they have grown to be not less than half an inch in diameter. The smallest size in the market (not the oyster, but the shell) is that of a cherry pip. From this size they run up until they are equal to the blue-pipe. The best of either the small or large are those which are a peach stone. From the alternate each day of salt and fresh water they become very fat and tender, and grow much more rapidly than those found in natural beds. The bamboo stakes are very durable and last often times twenty years. The gradual growth of the bilvate causes the top of the stake to become imbedded in a ball of shells and debris, which in the course of a decade, is frequently as big as a man's head. The effect at low tide is striking and rather comical. In every direction are to be seen these black balls, supported on thin pegs that look, for all the world, like one of those monstrous festivals of the King of Dahomey in which a thousand Senegambians are decapitated and their woolly heads set upon poles. So far as quality is concerned, the bamboo-oyster takes the first rank, and is much superior to nine-tenths of those found in European and American markets.

Swallow, in the province of Quangtung, is noted for the skill of its cultivators. They fatten fish for the wealthy mandarin, and more particularly the bright-colored members of the gold fish family. They raise Chinese carp and have a lucrative industry in selling the young fry in different parts of the empire. The more skillful of the cultivators practice artificial fecundation in the same general way as is done at Cold Spring, N.Y. They have been doing it for 4,000 years. The hatching is effected with but little trouble on account of the excellence of the climate. When the fry are a half-inch long they are ready for the market and are sold by the hundred, the thousand, ten thousand, or fifty thousand. How they count them, I could never find out. The average price is about ten for a cent, or one cent a piece. The purchaser transports the fry to pools, ponds or fountains, and there grows them until they weigh from half a pound upwards. It is found more economical to sell them at this stage than to fatten them to the size of a man's head, and then to sell them at a price which is very much lower.

In transporting the fry long distances by sea a very ingenious system prevails. The young fish are put into large tubs on the upper deck of a freight-vessel which resemble brewery-vats filled with fresh water. From a working-bar across the top of the tub four strings connect the bar with as many wooden plungers, that float on the water in the tub. A half-ton of the bar causes two plungers to rise and two to fall, and all strike the water with enough force to stir it up and at the same time to force into it fresh air. The return of the bar brings down the first two plungers and raises the second couple. The bar is worked by coolies day and night, and enables the purchaser to keep the fish alive five or six days without any change of water. By changing the water, it is said that they can be preserved three weeks and in that way be safely transported to any part of the Chinese coast.

E. BEDDOE.

MANILA.

THE PERSECUTIONS.

MANILA, March 12th.

Towards the end of last year a dispute arose between the Dominican body and the settlers of Kalamba near Manila, as to the ownership of nearly all the land in that part of the country. The priests obtained judgment in the local courts, but the other parties commenced an appeal. Before this could be heard, the priestly party obtained military help, and General Weyersmeyer was sent to dispose of the settlers. Great harshness was exercised in the eviction, and the people were ultimately deported to Sulit. In a wretched state, apparently without hope of redress, the victims—many of good standing—after trying every other means, at last obtained publicity for their grievance through the columns of the Hongkong press. The Manila authorities immediately tried to prevent the newspapers from entering the Spanish colonies; apparently without any reason, unless it be that they were afraid, or ashamed. It was soon found that no hierarchy can stop the press, no Jesuitical influence can smother it; the Hongkong papers (especially the *Telegraph*) were even more widely read than before in Manila, in spite of the scolding efforts of the priestly Government. Soon everybody had read the articles on the Kalamba outrage, and the better-minded men of influence were constrained to move in the matter. The result is that some degree of reparation has been made—not much, but more than would have been had the priests never been interrupted in their "good work." The Manila Government Gazette of 11th March publishes the following order of the Governor-General:

"Wishing to celebrate my birthday by an act of clemency to those who by various offences have incurred the severe penalty of deportation, thus taking all happiness away from their unoffending families, who are left to bewail the absence of their loved ones; now, therefore, by virtue of the powers conferred on me, I freely pardon all who are now suffering the extreme penalty of banishment who are compelled in the

following list, and who will as early as possible report their return to the hands of the officials from which they were taken.—DISMISSAL."

LATE TELEGRAMS.

BERLIN, February 26th.

The Emperor William rode through the streets of the city this afternoon unattended, and was cheered by the crowd. Renewed attempts at disorder were made this evening, but the police dispersed the rioters.

LONDON, February 26th.

The Waterloo Cup, the great sporting event of the year, has been won for the third year in succession by Colonel North's Fullerons. The report of Lord Wantage's Committee, which was appointed by Government last year to enquire into the conditions of service in the army, has been published. It declares that there is not a single infantry battalion effective at home, and that only from twenty to thirty per cent of these are fit to supply Indian drafts. The following recommendations are made by the Committee: To recruit—above the strength of the battalions without exceeding the annual average; to maintain the home infantry in such strength that they shall be liable to Turkish drafts at fivefold the numbers required yearly; to keep the strength of the battalions at home and abroad uniform; to restore the equality of the battalions at home and abroad by raising five new home service battalions, or by creating three battalions of the Coldstream and Scots Guards, keeping three battalions of Guards abroad; to abolish stoppage of pay, including stoppages for sea kit and Indian clothing; to allow three-pence daily for extra messings; to substitute one pound annually for deferred pay; to allow good men to remain on the active list for twelve years; and to allow men of the reserve to return and complete twelve years with the colours. For the cavalry the report recommends abolishing the Canterbury depot and to brigade the cavalry in groups of three regiments—two to be abroad and one at home. A similar system is recommended for the horse artillery. Sir A. L. Halliburton, Assistant Under-Secretary to the War Office, one of the members of the Committee, has presented a counter report seriously differing from the above decisions.

February 28th.

The Government proposes, especially with a view to the repression of slavery, to pay fifteen shillings a pound towards the cost of the *Surrey*, which it is estimated will entail an outlay of twenty thousand pounds.

PARIS, February 28th.

The French press commenting on the constitution of the new Roulet cabinet, receive the appointments coldly, and doubts are expressed concerning the permanence of the ministry. The Monarchist Right has formally decided to accept the Republican régime, and will form a Conservative party.

SOFIA, February 28th.

The *Sveboda*, a semi-official journal, publishes a violent article, in which it accuses Russian diplomacy of the murder of M. Valovitch, the Bulgarian Agent at the Porte. The *Sveboda* appeals to the European nations and Turkey to prevent further intrigues.

BOMBAY, February 28th.

Paymaster Tuck, the newly appointed Paymaster to H. M. S. *Marion*, which is stationed at Swatow, on his way to join his vessel, on Sunday last jumped overboard from the *Ardenia* and was drowned. Morning service had just been concluded when the cry of "man overboard" was raised. The engines were stopped and life buoys thrown out and a boat lowered, but Mr. Tuck was not seen to rise again. After considerable delay, the buoys were picked up and the vessel proceeded on her way. The unfortunate officer had been ill for some days.

The Washington Supreme Court has finally decided against the claims of Great Britain in the case of the British vessel *Saward* which was seized by the United States cruisers in the Behring Sea dispute.

It is announced that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister at Washington, and Mr. Secretary Blaine, have signed the arbitration treaty in the Behring Sea dispute.

At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Manchester Ship Canal yesterday, the chairman announced that, under favourable conditions, they would possibly open the waterway for traffic next year.

Mr. Gladstone has returned to London from the Continent in vigorous health. He attended the House of Commons yesterday and met with a most cordial welcome.

St. PETERSBURG, March 1st.

With the view of securing cotton manufactures in Russia, a law has been suggested by Government providing for an import duty on the raw material which will be refunded to the exporters of cotton fabrics.

ATHENS, March 1st.

Great excitement prevails here owing to the King, for some unknown reasons, probably the imminence of a financial crisis, having dismissed the Delianis Ministry, which being supported by a large majority of the Chamber of Deputies, they will retain their posts. In the meanwhile Mr. Constantopoulou, an Independent, has formed a new Ministry. The cavalry are guarding the King's palace.

March 2nd.

The reason assigned for the dismissal of M. Delianis is his inability to cope with the existing financial crisis.

March 3rd.

The Chamber of Deputies has been prorogued prior to a dissolution.

WASHINGTON, March 2nd.

The Treasury purchased to-day 388,000 ounces of silver at prices ranging from 91 to 91.37.

LONDON, March 2nd.

Fifteen thousand pounds of tea grown in Natal were sold to-day in Mark (P. Mincing) Lane at an average of five pence a pound. The quality was rather poor.

BERLIN, March 2nd.

Proceedings have been instituted against the *Cologne Gazette* for publishing a caustic article criticising the speech recently delivered by the Emperor at the Brandenburg banquet.

PARIS, March 3rd.

The programme of M. Roulet, the new Premier, says that there is no question of separation of Church and State, and the Government will maintain the Concordat. The Premier rejoices at the general acceptance of the Republic, and specially urges legislation for the amelioration of the lot of the working classes. The Chamber of Deputies has approved the programme.

LONDON, March 3rd.

A meeting of the Bimetallic League was held in Manchester yesterday, when the Secretary stated that the movement had made marked progress during the past year in Great Britain and throughout Europe, India, and the United States. A resolution was passed by the meeting that the interests of the Empire demand the establishment of a stable par of exchange between gold and silver, and that it was the duty of Government and Parliament to secure this immediately through an international agreement with the leading commercial nations.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. George Curzon, Under-Secretary for India, replying to Mr. Buchanan, said that the Government of India shares the opinion of Lord Roberts with regard to the former in Burma under a Commander-in-Chief Lord Cross, he added, was not prepared as yet to propose a change, and that the Government was not desirous of a Bill introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Kelly to reinstate the Irish evicted tenants was rejected on its second reading by a majority of fifty-five.

The case against Mr. Bontomley and Sir Henry Isaac was commenced at Bow Street police-court yesterday. Counsel for the prosecution in opening proceedings declared that the public had lost over a million pounds sterling through the Harbord frauds.

Mr. Stanhope, Secretary of State for War, in a memorandum on the Army Estimates, states that there is an increase of eighty-three thousand sterling, mainly on account of new barracks, and grants to Volunteers, who have largely increased in numbers and are more efficient.

The price of coals in London has risen ten shillings per ton within the last fortnight, and a number of steamers are delayed in London docks for want of coals.

The death is announced of Sir John Coode, the well-known engineer.

The steamer *Deccan*, in eleven days overboard, from Mauritius. It is believed an accident has happened to her machinery.

ALLAHABAD, March 3rd.

At the Calcutta opium sales on Wednesday an extraordinary rise of prices occurred, each chest fetching Rs. 13 more than at the last sales, and Rs. 152 above the average of the previous auctions of the year.

LONDON, March 4th.

Mr. Curzon stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the Secretary of State for India considers it necessary in the interest of the ryots to proceed with the cadastral survey of Behar.

THE SINGAPORE "SUNDAY LABOUR BILL."

On the third reading of the *Sunday Labour Bill* in the Singapore Legislative Council on March 4th, the following interesting and instructive debate took place:

The Attorney-General:—Sir, I think that this bill furnishes a good illustration of the advantages which a colony derives from the existence of a Secretary of State to superintend its affairs and direct its legislation. It must be sufficiently obvious to those who have followed the debates that if this matter had been left to the gentlemen who represent this community in Council, this bill would not have been passed, or any bill with even so limited a beneficial effect as this. The attitude of the majority with regard to the incident of changing the title illustrates, it seems to me, the unofficial feeling as regards this bill. They, without assigning the slightest reason, eliminated all reference to the distinctly Christian basis on which the bill rests. I cannot attribute that to any delicacy of feeling on the part of the majority, or to the feelings of their non-Christian fellow subjects. It is much more probable that, disliking the bill, they show their dislike in this way. It may be said that the Secretary of State is dictating to this Colony and riding roughshod over the wishes of the representatives of this Council. To my mind he is right in so doing. It is perfectly proper to leave to this Council questions of purely local concern, but when this Council orders the Secretary of State to do this or that (for instance, such as the defence of Singapore) or questions which touch the great heart and conscience of the British people, then this colony must be governed in accordance with English ideas, and the Secretary of State from his position is able to take a wider and more statesmanlike view of what is right and proper, than a handful of European merchants whose horizon is limited by the interests of the moment, and as the hon. member for the Chamber of Commerce said, came here to make money, and as he pathetically added, to lose it also. The Secretary of State has done right in pressing this bill upon this colony, and I trust (although the hon. member for the Chamber of Commerce somewhat cynically recommended the bill to his colleagues on the ground that if they rejected it something worse might befall them in the shape, as he termed it, of more stringent orders from the Secretary of State) that the bill will be unanimously supported. I would not be sorry to see such a "worse" case befalling the colony, for I trust that this legislation has been initiated it will not stop till every European and Native Christian has had conferred upon him an indefeasible right to the Christian Day of Rest. I move that the bill be read a third time and passed.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Mr. Dopandi did not support the proposed bill. An impartial Government should be impartial whether coal, or rice, or whatever it might be was unloaded on a particular day when no Europeans or Eurasians were concerned. He would ask them to notice that the parties so deprived of their Sunday work were Asiatics dependent upon labour for their daily bread, and he would say that it would be inhuman on the part of the Government to take it from them.

Mr. Sheppard (The Attorney-General) said that he would be glad to see the bill passed, but he would not be sorry to see such a "worse" case befalling the colony, for I trust that this legislation has been initiated it will not stop till every European and Native Christian has had conferred upon him an indefeasible right to the Christian Day of Rest. I move that the bill be read a third time and passed.

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religion, I think there is no importance to be attached to it. We adopted the present title because it has been followed in many other colonies, and in a colony the legislation of which he is constantly quoting to us—Hongkong.

The Governor:—I did not intend—because it is not customary to make any observations at the third reading of this bill, but I feel it my duty, having regard to what has fallen from the Attorney-General, to make a few statements because I think it necessary to let the public understand the position of the Secretary of State as regards this question. My hon. friend (Mr. Sheppard) has referred to the debate in the House of Lords, which sufficiently answers the Attorney-General. But the Attorney-General has forgotten the terms of the despatch from the Secretary of State on this subject, the last paragraph of which is as follows:—

"I request you to consider the advisability of enacting a similar measure in the colony under your administration, and if you see no objection to such a course, I shall be glad if you will take steps for introducing the necessary ordinance."

The responsibility of introducing this measure is entirely my own. I wish that that shall be thoroughly understood—I am not introducing it under instructions from the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has simply suggested that if I see no objection I should follow that course, and consequently I think a great deal of what my friend has said, with respect to the attitude of the Secretary of State in regard to this Council, is very considerably beside the mark.

A division was taken with the following result:

AYES. The Governor. The Colonial Secretary. The Colonial Treasurer. The Colonial Engineer. Mr. Sheppard. Mr. Tan Juk Kim.

NOES. Mr. Burkhshaw. Mr. Murray. Mr. Bogaardt.

The bill was accordingly read a third time, and became law.

INSTRUCTIONS: A LEGAL DRAMA.

Scene—Queen's Bench Court XXV. Witness has been called to prove that he recognised the plaintiff leaving his club. Leading Counsel rises to cross-examine.

L. C.—You were not drunk on the occasion? W.—Sir!

L. C.—Don't talk to me like that. Answer a question in a straightforward way, if you can. Were you drunk?

W.—No.

L. C.—Have you ever been drunk? W.—Never been drunk in my life.

L. C.—Indeed! In whose life have you been drunk, then?

Defendant's Counsel rises.—My lord, I think my learned brother's question is irrelevant.

L. C.—My lord, I am testing the credibility of the witness. He admits having been drunk, though not in his own life. Such a witness, I maintain, is not to be believed on oath.

Judge:—I think the learned counsel is conducting the cross-examination most fairly.

L. C.—Well, sir, to proceed. Has your health ever been drunk?

W.—Frequently.

L. C.—Then I needn't question you any more on that point. The jury will know what to think of a man who enjoys such a state of health. I presume you have never stolen anything?

W.—My lord, I appeal to you.

Judge.—You must answer the counsel's question.

W.—No, then.

L. C.—Indeed. You swear that?

W.—Yes.

L. C.—Now, sir (shows him a letter); is that your writing?

W.—I did.

L. C.—(reads)—"Then, hearing footsteps, I stole away." Do you admit stealing on this occasion?

W.—I must explain.

L. C.—No, you mustn't. But I won't press you further on that point. Your shilly-shallying answers are admissions enough. I have an even graver question to ask: Have you ever committed a murder?

W.—Certainly not.

L. C.—Now, think, are you not a murderer?

W.—My lord, I am innocent.

Judge.—The learned counsel is quite within his right; you do yourself no good by these interruptions.

L. C.—Now, then, let me jog your memory. Did you ever kill a woman?

W.—(emphatically)—No!

L. C.—I must trouble you to refer to your own correspondence. (Hands another letter.) Is that your letter?

W.—Yes.

L. C.—(reads)—"And when I left the old lady was dreadfully cut up." Now, then, do you mean to tell me you did not murder that old lady?

W.—This is shameful!

L. C.—So it is, sir. I am glad you have the grace to admit it. But you haven't answered my question. Did you kill the old lady?

W.—Of course not. I only—

L. C.—Pray don't say more. You admit you cut her up. That will do, thank you. (And the counsel sits down, having done his best to intimidate that unfortunate witness in law, a drunkard, a thief, an adulterer, and a murderer.)

(When the case is over, and the plaintiff has admitted that he was seen by the witness on the occasion in question, counsel rises and apologises that, acting upon instructions, he had apparently slightly damaged the witness's character.)

Judge (falling on counsel's neck and embracing him)—Most noble, learned brother! Most handsome conduct! There really wasn't the least necessity for you to apologise, and that you should do it of your own accord makes me proud of the profession. What would become of justice if there were no lawyers?

(Court closes, everybody trying in vain to solve the Judge's conundrum.)—*Arris!*

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Rinderpest is spreading in Germany. It is probable that Parliament will be dissolved in May.

Electric fire engines are being exhibited in India one of the leading forms of gambling is to bet on the weather.

The second electric railway in Sweden has recently been completed.

The London *Times* has ordered American pressmen at the establishment.

France's wine of 1891 will be the best since 1884, and there is much of it.

The estimated cost to Russia of the famine and its consequences is \$500,000,000.

France's last torpedo-boat made twenty-three knots and a half in a heavy sea.

A new epidemic, seemingly of poisonous origin, has followed influenza at Vienna.

A special prayer against influenza is the latest from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The number of sufferers from influenza is decreasing in London, Berlin and Vienna.

M. Vidal, the French explorer, has been captured by brigands in China.

The attendance at the British museum last year has, it is said, fallen off about 45 per cent.

General Annenkoff is at work on the plan for a canal between the Black Sea and the Caspian.

In England more than two hundred cities and towns utilize their sewage for fertilizing the farms near by.

It is charged that for eight years the Russian famine district has been in a chronic state of distress.

Australian eggs are now shipped to London, thanks to an extraordinary new process of preservation.

German military papers publish alarming statistics as to the spread of drunkenness in the German Army.

The Belgian Government on January last resumed the working of all the telephone lines in that country.

The murderous King of Dahomey is still engaged in supplying slaves to the Germans and Belgians in Africa.

Bread is in a good state of preservation has been unearthed in Pompeii recently, in the new rooms uncovered by the explorers.

The Captain of an Italian steamer has discovered a ledge of coal of excellent quality in Shagret Bay, Straits of Magellan.

Trades unions are unknown in the land of the Czar, and anything like a strike for increase of wages is prohibited strictly by law.

To-day's Advertisements.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. THE LONG RANGE Subscription Handicap CUP and SPOONS, will be shot for on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 2.45 p.m. Ranges—800 and 900 yards. ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 17th March, 1892. [140]

DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION. A MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 8 for 10 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 17th March, 1892. [332]

Amusements.

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SATURDAY EVENING, March 19th. The great eight-round boxing contest between BILLY WATERS and TED BROWN.

WALTER HARLAND, Proprietor. Hongkong, 16th March, 1892. [329]

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